



Appointments and Briefings

November 13, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

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1. CITIZENS INPUT TIME – not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.

- 1 a. Christopher Barros, P.O. Box 4052, New Bedford, MA, 02741, speaking on criminal activity, and unnecessary violence.

INVITEES: Christopher Barros

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang to City Council submitting the APPOINTMENT of MICHAEL AMARAL of 36 Vernon Street, New Bedford, MA, 02745 to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Cynthia V. Thomas who resigned May 2007. This term will expire December 2007. (Ref'd 8/16/07, 9/10/07 - recommendation for Appointment failed. Letter to City Solicitor for Legal Opinion as to whether or not Mr. Amaral's family relationship with Councillor Coelho poses a conflict.)
- 2a. Communication, City Solicitor, Irene B. Schall, to Councillor Lawrence, Chairman, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, RE: Conflict of Interest Opinion#195-2007- 10-1. (Ref'd 10/9/07)

INVITEES: Michael Amaral

3. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of HERSHEL ALPERT of 35 Meriam Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 to serve on the AIRPORT COMMISSION, replacing James D. Oliveira who resigned June 2007. This term will expire December 2007. (Ref'd 9/11/07, tabled 10/9/07)

INVITEES: Hershel Alpert

4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of DEREK SANTOS, 334 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 to the HISTORICAL COMMISSION, replacing Joan Beaubian who resigned September 2007; this term will expire February 2010. (Ref'd 10/25/07)

INVITEES: Derek Santos

5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JENNIFER W. GONSALVES, 46 Pearl Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 to the PLANNING BOARD, replacing Derek Santos whose term expired October 2007; this term will expire October 2010. (Ref'd 10/25/07)

INVITEES: Jennifer Gonsalves

6. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that Christopher Barros be invited to come before the Committee on Appointments & Briefings to speak on safety issues in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 10/25/07)

INVITEES: Christopher Barros

7. Communication, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 85 COGGESHALL STREET (FAIRHAVEN MILL), advising that “the structure was constructed in 1892 and retains its original exterior architectural features of both material and massing, the structure is associated with the architectural, cultural, and social history of New Bedford, the textile and industrial mills were a leading industry that shaped the City in the 19th and early 20th centuries and this structure is representative of the area, the structure is the last mill remaining of this mill complex, the documented evidence that Lewis Hine photographed children at work inside Bennett Mills (Fairhaven Mills#4), the work of Mr. Hine led Congress in 1916, to enact the “Child Labor Laws,” therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 85 Coggeshall Street (Fairhaven Mills) is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 10/11/07)

INVITEES: Acting New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson/City Planner David Kennedy; Preservation Planner Anne Louro

8. Communication, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 144 WATER STREET, an industrial style building, masonry portion only, advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District”, and that “the structure is of NO notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure”, therefore, “the NBHC has determined that the building is NOT a historically significant building or structure and not preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 10/11/07)

INVITEES: Acting New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson/City Planner David Kennedy; Preservation Planner Anne Louro

9. Related Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, asking that the City Council meet in the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, with the Police Chief and a representative of the Mayor to address their request that the Council provide them with sites for possible Police Substations and get more information as to what the siting of those Substations would entail. (Ref’d 4/12/07, 9/10/07 – that the City Council meets to come up with locations to recommend to the Police Chief for possible substations throughout the City of New Bedford W/I 30 days and hear again at the next A & B meeting)
10. Related Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, at it’s next meeting, meet to specifically discuss the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$49,900.00 from STABILIZATION FUND to DPI/HIGHWAY, SALARIES & WAGES, in Executive Session, to find out what the status of this lawsuit is and what are our chances of prevailing and whether we are going to be funding properly for a settlement or a judgment. (Referred from Finance 9/11/07, PUT ON NEXT AGENDA)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; First Assistant Solicitor Jane Medeiros Friedman

***Chairman suggests to “Receive and Place on File”, and take
“No Further Action” on the following items:***

11. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of POLICE OFFICER CHRISTIAN J. GOMES of the Port Security Unit, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref’d 9/11/07)
12. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of POLICE CHIEF RON TEACHMAN, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref’d 9/11/07)
13. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of POLICE OFFICER DAVID ROY of the Port Security Unit, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref’d 9/11/07)
14. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of POLICE SERGEANT JILL SIMMONS Head of the Port Security Unit, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref’d 9/11/07)

15. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH MAGALHAES of the Port Security Unit, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref'd 9/11/07)
16. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, informing of the APPOINTMENT of Harbor Development Commission Employee, THOMAS VITAL, as Assistant Harbor Master. (Ref'd 9/11/07)